



Sacred Heart
Girls' College
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From our Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

Our first Pānui of the year welcomes you to 2019, our Year of TŪMANAKO (Hope) and the Contemplative HEART, where 'anything is possible' in a culture of learning, guided by the principles of Whanaungatanga that prioritises the growth and development of our young women: and the Journey begins after a challenging last year:

As we step into this new year,
Restore our spirits.
Renew our passion for sharing your wisdom
And nurture our compassion
For those in need of greater support.
Transform us as we seek to transform:
Guide us as we seek to guide;
Open our minds and hearts
As we seek to open minds and hearts
To the Good News of justice and peace.
Help us listen more deeply
To the world and to your Word,
So we can walk with those in our care,
Attentive to the Wisdom that
Calls us all to the Kingdom of God.

Adapted from a prayer by Jane Deren

A special welcome to our new students and their whānau who have joined our Community this year: may they soon feel a sense of belonging here at Sacred Heart Girls' College. Our full school Pōwhiri on the front lawn, followed by our Opening Mass at the Cathedral, last week, our Welcome BBQ and Athletics Day, next week, are significant opportunities for building community. All are welcome and we look forward to meeting you as the year progresses.

We were expecting that our modern, flexible learning area and refurbishment of the specialist science labs would have been on the way to completion by now. Unfortunately, due to a range of unexpected delays, it is more likely to be Term 2 before things start to resemble a modern learning space. Nevertheless, we are continuing to prepare for the transition as best we can with the physical space we have available. On the up side, we will use the delay to continue our collaboration to provide creative and innovative curriculum opportunities that encourages and develops learner agency. Further details will be published soon.

Other changes for this year are about effective learning cultures and are not dependent on buildings; therefore, we are strengthening our pastoral care system so that learning and wellbeing complement and support all students. We have developed a structured time and programme for this to happen, called Ako and details are on our website. Feedback from students has been very positive so far and they like the idea of a learning mentor/coach. This is about building strong relationships and developing skills and attitudes that will contribute to your daughter's effective learning at school and to her success beyond the school gates.

Ako also allows us to focus on conversations with your daughter that really matter and avoid those that waste valuable learning time for all. Therefore, we have a very high expectation that every student at Sacred Heart Girls' College will get the non-negotiables right: wear the correct uniform, comply with expectations around jewellery, hair, make-up etc, be on time and attend school every day. The most effective support that parents and whānau can give to us at school is to ensure that their daughter is meeting our expectations and standards in these areas. The same standards apply to all students representing Sacred Heart Girls' College in sport, cultural activities and wherever she is in uniform. The student diary, website and these newsletters have further details.

As the Principal of a high performing school, it is a privilege to recognise the achievements of our students in NCEA. Once again, our senior students have excelled themselves with high levels of attainment.

Our Vision

Ignite the Passion: inspiring young women to change the world - me aro ki te hā o Hineahuone.

We live the virtues of Faith, Hope and Justice.

Our charism is expressed through **Communion, Contemplation, Mission.**

A 94% pass-rate for our Level 2 students is a fine example of the levels of engagement that students demonstrate consistently and is a testament to their determination, drive and perseverance. More details will be available in later newsletters; however, the headlines are as we expect: high performance and improvement across all levels and significantly better results compared with similar schools across the country. Our congratulations to all our students who participated in these exams and achieved their personal best.

It is also the time of the year that our recent graduates are taking up their places at university, embarking on their gap year or have discovered the joys of gainful employment. We wish them all well and hope that the years at Sacred Heart Girls' College have contributed to their ongoing formation as young women with a Heart for the world! As Euphrasie Barbier, founder of the Mission Sisters, reminds us, 'where charity and union of hearts reign in community the Lord is there. Guard this precious treasure well'.

Me aro ki te hā o Hineahuone – take heed the strength and dignity of women!

FROM THE HEAD GIRL

Kam na Mauri !

My name is Tietie Kaninteang and this year I have the absolute honor and privilege of being your Head Girl for 2019. My cultural identity plays a big part of my life. I come from a small Island, Kiribati which is the only Island to be within the 4 hemispheres. For those people who don't know where Kiribati is, Kiribati is located in the Pacific Ocean along the edges of the Equator, which includes the Gilbert, Phoenix and Line island groups. So basically, Kiribati is in the middle of nowhere. Both my parents were born and raised in Kiribati but came to New Zealand in 1997 to seek growth and opportunity not only for themselves but for their children. I believe the way you are raised will shape how you put yourself out there.



Growing up in a household of cultural and faithful morals and beliefs, I am taught to love everyone and view life in a positive way. This is who I am. What I give out, I want to receive as well. I encourage not only students but teachers to have a mindset of anything is possible which also happens to fit in our theme of hope and contemplation this year.

My goal is to keep the togetherness strong within Sacred Heart Girls' College. Here within the school grounds, I always feel the aroha from many girls which creates an environment of belonging, the warm feeling of whānau and positivity which I know is important for our juniors. This means I see girls helping each other, encouraging each other to go outside their comfort zones and being together as one. As a head student, there's nothing more rewarding than seeing students working together as one. Jesus teaches us through various scriptures that working together and being faithful will bring us blessings throughout our lives. My favourite quote from the Bible, Mark 5:36 "Do not fear, only believe", has always stuck with me since I was a little girl and this significant quote has helped me in many ways to overcome obstacles and has taught me to believe in myself. I hope for 2019 Sacred Heart students uphold the Sacred Heart values and treat others with kindness.

My final words for everyone is to spread positivity, give love and share the greatest gifts you each possess. Through this we are sure to have a blast this year and be the person God wanted us each to be.

Kam bati n raba ao tekeraoi n ami reirei.

UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

Monday 11th February - Athletic Sports at Porritt Stadium

Tuesday 12th February - New Student Whānau Welcome BBQ (5.30pm)

Wednesday 13th February - Whānau Hui (Puawai 6.00pm)

Thursday 21st February - Rangiaowhia Memorial Trip

OPENING POWHIRI



OPENING MASS



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

2018 EXAMINATION STATISTICS (Provisional as at 7 February)

The overall NCEA data shows that at all levels in last year's NCEA assessments, students at Sacred Heart Girls' College performed at a higher level than in 2017 and all students nationally. Congratulations to both our students and staff for their hard work.

NCEA – Percentage of students gaining qualifications

	Sacred Heart		National
	2018	2017	2018
Literacy	98.1	94.3	84.8
Numeracy	98.8	92.7	82.4
Level 1	92.5	85.0	70.1
Level 2	94.2	93.3	76.1
Level 3	85.9	83.4	63.7
University Entry	77.6	76.7	65.6

Scholarship

We also would like to congratulate the following students who gained individual subject Scholarships:

Sophie Vosper - Accounting
Aylish Waldron – Economics

Cushla Jackson,
Deputy Principal
Curriculum

SPORTS TERM 1 EVENTS

Football

Tuesday 12th March, Time TBC

Thursday 14th March, Time TBC

Netball

Year 9: Saturday 16th February, 8.00am-2.00pm, SHGC Turf

Year 10: Sunday 17th February, 8.00am-12.00pm, SHGC Turf

Year 11 – PREM: Sunday 17th February, 12.00pm-3.30pm, SHGC Turf

Hockey

Thursday 14th March, 3.30pm-5.30pm, SHGC Turf

2nd Trial TBC

Lacrosse

TBC

Athletics Day

Monday 11th February 8.45am-2.30pm, Porritt Stadium

Swimming Sports

Thursday 21st March, Waterworld Te Rapa

Yoga

Starts Thursday 21st February in the PE Rooms

NEW STUDENTS WHĀNAU WELCOME BBQ - HOSTED BY PTFA

Date: Tuesday 12 February

Time: 5:30 - 7:30pm

Venue: Meet in the Hall

Students do not need to wear their uniform for this evening. In case of poor weather, the event will be held indoors.

Details have been emailed, if you have not received this information please contact hearts@shgcham.school.nz

SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE FEES

Accounts office is open 9am-3pm daily.
Email: accounts@shgcham.school.nz
Phone: 856 7874 Ext 2829, 2827

Student fees have been charged, and can be viewed through Monitor on website.

New students – parents should have received an email from Monitor earlier this month, with instructions for Login to Monitor. Please contact accounts if you have not received your Login details or your email has recently changed.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. My Monitor portal on our website; www.shgcham.school.nz (preferred option)
2. Direct Credit to:
Sacred Heart Girls' College
01 0315 0329900 00 - Reference Student name and ID number
3. Payment plan: A regular amount can be paid by Automatic Payment to the College bank account, details above.
4. Pay by cash, eftpos or credit card on-site at the Payment kiosk.
5. Cheque: payable to Sacred Heart Girls College, to accounts office.

PROPRIETORS FEES

MISSION COLLEGE HAMILTON TRUST BOARD are the proprietors of the College.

Attendance Dues pay for insurance, mortgages, debt servicing and major maintenance of the land and buildings of the College. These dues also supports new building projects.

Building Donation is a donation to the building program at Sacred Heart Girls' College. The proprietors appreciate your continued support in payment of this contribution which is used for new building projects and upgrading of college facilities.

Special Character provides for some retreat costs, liturgies, chaplaincy and activities which promote the Catholic Character of the College.

Sacred Heart Girls' College is the only Catholic school independent of the Diocese and the funds we receive are used solely by the College for the benefit of our own students.

2019 ANNUAL FEES

Special Character \$40

Attendance Dues \$890

Building Fund \$210

Total \$1140

Annual fees will be invoiced and sent by the early March 2017. Fees are due by the end of Term One or by regular payment plan operating during the year.

Payment options:

1. Direct Credit to:
Mission College Hamilton Trust Board
01-0315-0176908-00
Reference Student name and ID number
2. Payment plan: A regular amount can be paid by Automatic Payment to the Mission College Hamilton Trust Board bank account, details (1) above.
3. Cheque payable: to Mission College Hamilton Trust Board to accounts office.

DONATION RECEIPTS (for Sacred Heart AND Mission College fees). All families who pay donations by 31 March 2018 will receive Donation Certificates so a tax refund can be claimed from IRD for the 2018 tax year. (Donation Certificates will be available from mid April). To claim a donation rebate from IRD refer to: IRD website www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax-individual or www.schoolrebates.co.nz

ATHLETICS

Athletics Day will be held at Porritt Stadium on Monday, 11th February. Each student will need to either find their own way to and from Porritt Stadium or organise to use the bus service from the school.

School Athletics Day is a school day and attendance is compulsory. Rolls will be taken throughout the day. Students will need to bring their lunch and plenty of water from home. It is also important that students are prepared for ANY weather conditions. We encourage them to bring a sun hat, sun block, sunglasses, an umbrella (for sun shade/rain) and appropriate clothing for the conditions.

The track becomes extremely hot and will blister feet. To ensure all safety standards are met, it is compulsory for all Field Event athletes to wear shoes; while for track event athletes – shoes are highly recommended but not compulsory. These standards will be enforced on the day. PLEASE NOTE: Porritt Stadium has undergone a full resurfacing and so glitter, face paint and feather boas are NOT to be brought into the stadium.

ROWING FUNDRAISER - NOTHING NAUGHTY PROTEIN BARS

Show your support for SHGC Rowing by participating in our latest fundraiser! Our girls have been training hard throughout the school break for the upcoming North Island Secondary Schools Rowing Championship & Maadi Cup (NZ Secondary Schools Rowing Championship) in March.

These are locally manufactured, delicious and healthy bars. They are also gluten free, with no artificial flavours or sweeteners and come in seven delicious flavours.

Please email suef@wilson.co.nz for an order form. Orders close on 22 February.

COUNSELLING

This year we have two Counsellors at school – Cherie Brownlee-Clarke is at school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and Benita Hedley is at school on Thursdays and Fridays.

Students can make appointments by filling out an appointment form and placing it in the box outside the Counselling rooms, or by emailing one of the counsellors:

cbrownlee-clarke@shgcham.school.nz
bhedley@shgcham.school.nz

An appointment time will be sent to them as soon as possible. Parents/caregivers are also very welcome to contact the Counsellors if they wish to do so.



Please like us on Facebook and keep up to date with important information and regular updates on student activities.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The International roll has grown this year – we have 34 long term students (12 of whom were with us last year) and 23 short term students. Our girls come from Japan, Korea, China, Hong Kong, Thailand and Kiribati. We will also be receiving a group from Sacred Heart Girls' College Sapporo in March again this year. Our new girls are doing well and are settling in very quickly.

We were exceptionally pleased with the NCEA results achieved in last year's examinations. There were some very impressive individual results including one student who worked very hard and passed Level 1 in only twelve weeks. Many of our girls passed with endorsements.

We look forward to continuing to support our international students throughout their journey this year. A special thanks to those in the School community who are part of our Homestay family network.

ONE-LINERS COMPETITION

Congratulations to Amber Belle (Year 13) who has recently won "the most entries" award in the Learncoach "One-Liners" competition with an astounding 97 entries. We also won the school with the most entries!



SCHOOL OF SKIES

Are you a Year 13 female who has an interest in maths and science? New Zealand needs more women in the aviation industry as Engineers, Technicians, Pilots and more! You have more choices



than you probably realise. Could aviation be the perfect future for you?

We are giving 40 students from around NZ a chance to spend 7 days with us to find out.

Aviation offers something for everyone, whether you want to spend your days in the skies or keep your feet firmly planted on the ground! Our "School to Skies" Programme is a Tech and Aviation Camp that will give you the chance to try before you buy. Applications are open for girls in Year 13, from anywhere in NZ, who are currently studying NCEA Level 3 (or equivalent) maths AND science subjects.

For more information, click on the link below

Link: School to skies



FROM THE ARCHIVES

2018 marked the 50th year of secondary school basketball championships in New Zealand, and an archive photo of SHGC basketballers made up part of the celebratory opening ceremony presentation. In 1988, the SHGC Waikato Basketball League Team achieved great success in winning the New Zealand Secondary Girls' Championships in Dunedin. 'The team made history by winning the title at its first attempt.' Basketball New Zealand hopes to have banners created with all of the national champions, from 1968 to 2018, which will be displayed at the secondary schools national annually. The banners will include this photo of our champion 1988 squad, which I was able to provide from our archived school magazines.



WAIKATO BASKETBALL LEAGUE TEAM:

Back Row: Lyndal Raha, Nanna Harris, Joanne Clayton, Shirley Meads, Debbie Fisher, Rachel Makutu, Rachelle Lang, Bernadine O'Brien-Kelly, Mrs Carr
Front: Nicola Fawcett, Maria Patrick, Albert, Molly Rogers, Tracey Hansen, M.J. Kappann

If you have any stories, photos, or memories that you'd like to share, please get in touch with me in the school library 8567874 ext 2813 or email, kelliott@shgcham.school.nz

TRANSPORT

Ministry Transport allowance

Students may be entitled to a Ministry paid transport allowance where they have to travel more than 4.8kms to school and there is no public bus service. This allowance also applies to students who have to travel more than 4.8kms to the nearest public or school bus stop.

Please click the link below for application forms and further information. Link: [SHGC Transport form](#)

IMPORTANT: After School Pick Up

Parents are asked not to use the Firth Street entrance as a pick up point in the afternoon as there is no legal parking outside this entrance. Cars parked illegally are endangering our students by causing a visual obstruction to oncoming traffic when they are crossing the road to catch their school buses. Please use the Cook Street entrance as an alternative.

BYOD - PBT AND NOEL LEEMING FLYER

Click on the links below

Link: [PBT flyer](#)

Link: [Noel Leeming flyer](#)

Chromebooks and MacBook's are not recommended at SHGC unless they have a subject specific purpose. However, if your daughter already has a device that is one of these types, they can bring this and see how it works with their classes.

STUDENT ABSENCES

For all Student Absentees, including away from school, appointments or late to school, please report to the following:

Email: absences@shgcham.school.nz

Phone: 07 856 7874 ext 2852